IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE BILAL NAZKI
and
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NOOTY RAMAMOHANA RAO

WRIT PETITION No.13801 of 2007

Between:

M/s.Reliance Petro Marketing (P) Ltd.,
Rep. by its Manager Taxation.

..... PETITIONER

and

1.The Commercial Tax Officer,
Basheerbagh Circle, Hyderabad and 2 others.

.....RESPONDENTS

The Hon'ble Sri Justice Bilal Nazki
and
The Hon'ble Sri Justice Nooty Ramamohana Rao

Writ Petition No.13801 of 2007

Order: *(per the Hon'ble Sri Justice Bilal Nazki)*

Heard learned Counsel for the parties. With their consent, the Writ Petition is being disposed of at this stage.

The controversy is that pending an appeal, application for stay was dismissed by the competent authority. We have gone through the record. We feel that the interest of justice would have been met if stay was granted pending appeal, subject to deposit of 50% of the disputed tax and

25% of the interest. Therefore, we set aside the order of the authority and direct that 50% of the disputed tax and 25% of the interest shall be paid by the petitioner within a period of six weeks. For six weeks, there shall be an unconditional stay and the stay shall continue till disposal of the appeal, provided the amount is deposited within six weeks. The deposit of amount shall be without prejudice to the rights of the petitioner in the appeal.

Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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(Bilal Nazki, J)

2nd July, 2007

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(Nooty Ramamohana Rao, J)

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